

WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2015 Wisconsin Act 119 [2015 Assembly Bill 394]

Review of Changes to Public Employee Group Health Insurance

2015 Wisconsin Act 119 relates to review of proposed changes to public employee group health insurance programs.

The Act requires the Group Insurance Board (GIB) to, in consultation with the Division of Personnel Management in the Department of Administration, notify the Joint Committee on Finance that it intends to execute a contract to provide self-insured group health plans on a regional or statewide basis to state employees.

The Act also prohibits the GIB from executing such a contract without Joint Finance Committee approval under certain circumstances. If, within 21 working days after the date of the GIB's notification, the co-chairs of the committee notify the GIB that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of approving the execution of the contract, the GIB may not execute the contract without the approval of the committee. However, if the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance do not notify the GIB that the committee has scheduled a meeting for the purpose of approving the execution of the contract within 21 working days after the date of the GIB's notification, the GIB may execute the contract.

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